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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--28 DECEMBER 1963

1. CYPRUS:

A. NICOSIA REMAINED TENSE BUT RELATIVELY QUIET YESTERDAY.

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D. SOME UNITS OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH GARRISONS ON CYPRUS ARE STILL DEPLOYED IN NICOSIA, PROTECTING THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

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F. IT WAS THIS SHOW OF FORCE WHICH PROMPTED CYPRUS TO CALL FOR LAST NIGHT'S SPECIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH CAME TO NOUGHT.

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H. DUNCAN SANDYS, UK SECRETARY FOR COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS, LEFT FOR CYPRUS THIS MORNING.

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2. BULGARIA:

A. AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN SOFIA WERE UNHARMED DURING YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE US LEGATION ALTHOUGH TWO EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE MOLESTED. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO PENETRATE THE BUILDING.

B. THE DAMAGE CONSISTS OF FOUR PRIVATE CARS OVERTURNED AND ALMOST ALL LEGATION WINDOWS BROKEN ON THE FIRST THREE FLOORS.

C. THE FOREIGN MINISTER DELAYED ALMOST SIX HOURS IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT FOR OUR CHARGE TO DELIVER HIS PROTEST.

D. HOWEVER THE BULGARIAN REPLY TO OUR PROTEST CONTAINS AN ASSURANCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES "WILL ALLOW NO FURTHER ACTIONS OF SIMILAR CHARACTER."

3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE CONTENTS OF A LARGE VIET CONG SUPPLY DEPOT CAPTURED THIS WEEK PROVIDE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT EXTERNAL SUPPORT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPROVED FIREPOWER OF THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS.

C. WHILE THE VIET CONG CONTINUE TO OBTAIN THE BULK OF THEIR ARMAMENT BY CAPTURING IT FROM GOVERNMENT TROOPS, INCREASING QUANTITIES OF BLOC-MADE EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN FOUND IN VIET CONG HANDS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

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4. WEST GERMANY - ITALY: THE PRESS IN BONN REPORTED YES-
TERDAY THAT CHANCELLOR ERHARD WILL MAKE A "WORKING VISIT"
TO LONDON JANUARY 15-16, FOLLOWED BY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO
ROME JANUARY 27-28 IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION OF PRIME
MINISTER MORO. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER
SCHROEDER.

5. USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA: PEIPING IS NOT LETTING UP ON
MOSCOW. ON 26 DECEMBER, MAO'S BIRTHDAY, PEIPING RADIO BROAD-
CAST A LONG ATTACK WHICH AGAIN CHARGED THAT THE SOVIET LEADER-
SHIP HAD SUNK DEEPLY INTO "MODERN REVISIONISM" SINCE STALIN'S
DEATH.

6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: IT LOOKS AS THOUGH PARTY BOSS NOVOTNY
HAS SURVIVED, THOUGH JUST BARELY, THE LATEST GO AROUND IN THE
CZECH LEADERSHIP CRISIS. [REDACTED]

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